

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Cool week last.

A good grape crop.

More Court this week.

Soon be time for hay fever.

Time to purchase your coal.

Farmers are plowing for fall wheat.

Peaches and cream are admissible.

Our streets are being watered again.

The case of Gabriel Savage was continued.

Apples are becoming a drug in our market.

Speech is silver, silence is golden and cheek is bronze.

We want more business rooms in Eaton.

The home blackberry crop is abundant.

If we can't have another railroad, give us water works in Eaton.

The tobacco crop in this county will be immense.

Bruce Van Doren had a wooden wedding last Saturday evening.

Our fair will be a brilliant success this year if the weather permits.

Auditor Oldfather has for thanks for a copy of Ohio Statistics for 1879.

There is considerable improvement quietly going on in Eaton.

The season known as dog-days will last until the 20th of August.

There are yet many farmers who buy their horses from the East.

Mr. S. T. Marsh, of Newton, Kansas, is here visiting Marsh Bros.

We put down our list of newspaper vendors, S. M. Pettigall & Co., of E.

Geo. Deem is getting ready to build a brick residence on his lot on north Barron street.

In southern Europe olive oil is now largely adulterated with the oil of cotton seed.

The father of Mrs. Tom Thibault died lately at Middleboro, Mass. His was of medium stature.

Everything else in the country will now give way to politics and a black list.

Fisher, of the Kenton Dispatch, wants to raise \$500. Put two 00's to a 35 and you'll have it.

Spill "pulpit" backward, and you will discover the nature of many a man among them.

WATSON—A good servant to do general housework. A girl from the country preferred. Apply to M. Stetson.

In the purchase at Milwaukee is one Joseph Davis, who before the war was reported worth over \$3,000,000.

Dr. Tanner would make a successful editor of a country newspaper. He can live well on promises and wind.

The dogs have been playing havoc among the sheep flocks of Eliza Swain, Eli Fisher and Christ, Siler. Shoot 'em.

The merchants of Springfield, Ill., have made out a black list of persons who never pay. Printers have a black list too.

We understand Warren Jefferson intends building a business room on the south side of his lot on north Barron street.

Junius Edwards, of Galesburg, Ill., saved his plans by kicking a boy out of the tree, but has had to pay \$3,000 for missing paralysis in the leg.

If you want your orange or lemon trees budded bring them to Rollman & Co., North Maple street, Eaton, O., by the 10th of August.

It is proposed to build and export the waters of the Nile, and it is conjectured that there's millions in it, the water is so healthful and delicious.

Jesse Royer will have a big sale of stock and other articles, on the farm of Jesse Royer, Sr., at Deersville, on the 4th of August.

We did think that every sane person in Eaton had experienced enough of attempting to improve streets by spreading sand on them. It seems not.

The bills of scandal that fly through the air are tossed by a wind that blows no body good, come from no place, and go nowhere.

The Social of the Christian church will meet on Saturday evening at the residence of Harry Conner. Ice cream and cake will be served. All are invited.

A London firm advertises that it has for sale one of the identical stamps, by which George III. attempted to impose the obnoxious tax on tea imported into British America.

Philadelphia boys are fined \$10 for tying a tin pan to a dog's tail, and the tin is not regarded as worth the cost. It ought to be the same way everywhere else for such cruel amusement.

Preble county will send several representatives to Columbus shortly.

Eld. T. D. Garvin will preach in the Church of Christ, Eaton, O., on Saturday evening, July 31st, at 8 o'clock p. m.; also on Sunday, Aug. 1st, at 10½ a. m. and in the evening at the usual hour. The public are cordially invited.

The number of men in a minority county who know they could carry it against their opponent, is surprising. While the townspeople are just pining to march in solid phalanx with ballots to deposit for them! All they ask is the nomination. Fact!

The good farmer sows his seed in the spring and spends the summer killing the weeds and nurturing the crops; the good preacher likewise sows the seed, but then heath away to a summer resort and let the crops and weeds fight it out on their own hook.

The following is an extract from a theatrical advertisement in London: "Uninterrupted success! Appearance of 16 beautiful young ladies. Scale of prices: To the near-sighted, \$1. At an altitude, 50 cents. To the far-off, 25 cents. Bala-headed association, 75 cents."

The University of Wooster, Ohio, is a Presbyterian institution. Prof. Scott of the chair of mental and moral science became heterodox in his teachings, and the Trustees requested him to resign, which he did. The students have almost unanimously asked for his reinstatement.

The Rev. W. E. Walker, a Congregational pastor of Vermilion, Dakota, got drunk at a public hall, and his behavior was so bad that his church had to put him on trial. It was then proved that he was habitually drunk, and he was deposed.

Ice in Cincinnati this year is \$5.50 a ton, against \$4.25 in 1876, and brewers are turning their attention to artificial ice. At the brewery of Wendisch, Mulhauser & Bro., at St. Louis, there is a machine lately brought from Germany which is guaranteed to make a ton of ice for ninety cents.

David Baker, Harrison Baker, John Silverdick, Joseph Gebhardt and Jacob Merriman, the parties arrested last week, are in Cincinnati, were before the Mayor last Thursday and pleaded guilty. Each one paid \$10 and costs for the fine. The fish they caught cost them about \$4 apiece!

The second trial of Tobias Wescow, indicted with Fred W. Yates and George Clatterback for highway robbery, came up last Monday morning for hearing before Judge J. A. Gilmore. It was given to the jury about 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, and after an absence of two hours, a verdict of guilty was returned. And we all say "amen!"

A. M. Norcross, of Norwich, Conn., is in a dilemma. He can hardly expect Garfield, and to vote against his party is repulsive to him. He finally decides the matter by setting two hens with twelve eggs each. One he has dedicated to Hancock and the other to Garfield, and the hen hatching the greatest number of chickens will decide his vote.

The prohibitionists of Preble county met at the Opera House in Eaton last week, and nominated the following ticket: Charles Schell, Auditor; Washington Kelly, Sheriff; David Miller, Recorder; E. C. Smith, Commissioner; Dr. B. F. Bean, Coroner; Geo. Davidson, Infirmary Director. The Convention was not so large as in former years, but the speeches and enthusiasm was all the same. If these fellows should happen to live about 275,000 years, and some of their progeny the same length of time, there's surely a possibility that what they advocate may come around.

Parties were in this county last week, offering a wind pump for sale. If a farmer didn't want to purchase, they would then offer the pump for putting one up for a few days, just that they might see how efficiently it worked. Two contracts were given to be signed to this effect: "I, the undersigned, do hereby agree to install a wind pump on the premises of _____, which pump was promised to be paid for _____." We only know of one person thus taken in, but he discovered the swindle in time to exhort the fellow and get out of it. With all the warnings, cautions and sad experience the county has had in such swindling business, it is strange that men can be persuaded to put their names to any kind of a paper in the hands of a stranger.

Frank Jones and Nathaniel Heywood were arrested last week, charged with stealing two sets of harness from the stable of D. B. Moses, a farmer living about five miles south of Eaton. Jones was allowed to go to his home under the plea of getting a part of shoes, and giving the second story window, jumping the town "wide awake" and to the "grow up!" Heywood had a hearing before the Mayor and was committed to jail for \$400 bond. Jones is a single man, but Heywood has a wife and several children, and is of very respectable and honorable parentage. It does seem as if about half the world is determined to live by plundering the other half. The bond of Heywood was reduced to \$300, which he secured, and he is now out of jail.

Nearly every county has a lot of political hangers-on and office seekers, who fly about like a swarm of bees, and endeavor to carry the votes of nearly the whole party in their pockets. By the way, and check they sometimes force themselves into a nomination. They are vulnerable subjects for the opposition to watch at, but they expect the editor of their party paper to shoulder the burdens; to step to the front and give and take all the hard blows delivered; to uphold and defend them, regardless of the facts that they are doing the most scores of bitter and personal enemies among a class of men who never forget or forgive, and then to receive his pay for all this in promises, which in ninety-nine cases out of every hundred are never fulfilled. And when the campaign is over and the battle won the poor devil of an editor, who has done more than any other fifty men to bring about the desired result, is not only cast aside to make room for some shysters who cannot and never did influence half a dozen votes in a county, but is kicked or jeered at for having the impudence to undertake that his services are of any value.

We saw notice that in the future, when they crowd themselves in, will be left to fight their own battles.

Rev. J. M. Kimmell, of Bane, Vt., will preach in the Universalist church on Sunday next, Aug. 1st, at 10½ a. m., and Rev. J. M. Getchell will preach at the same place in the evening of the same day at 8 o'clock.

A very sad, distressing and unfortunate calamity occurred at Brown's Station, about 12 miles north of Eaton, on the Dayton and Western Railroad, last Sabbath, resulting in the death of one young lad, and the wounding and maiming of five others, one or two of whom will hardly recover, as one was obliged to have his arm amputated and another his leg. It seems that on last Sabbath an excursion train was passing by this Station, and while it stopped to water, the Conductor, Frank Vanciel, placed on the track three railroad torpedoes, two of which were exploded by the train passing over, the other one falling by the side without any damage, which was picked up by some boys around the Station, and with a spike they went to opening it, causing it to explode with the above results. The young lad who died above, immediately from his injuries, was a son of Mr. A. Crisler, of West Manchester, the others injured were two of Mr. Shields, two of Wilson Brown and one of Mr. Manahan, all between the ages of ten and fourteen years. Coroner Stephens held an inquest on the remains of young Crisler, the verdict of the cause of his death being, "gross carelessness on the part of Conductor Vanciel."

Camp Meetings.

Springfield Democrats: There are two seasons of the year, during which the "religious world" becomes actively alive to the importance of the soul's salvation. One of these is when the winter blasts are howling wild over the frozen landscape, and it is the risk of life and limb that one ventures into the congenial atmosphere of the camp meetings. This is the "revival" season, when the meetings are carried on nightly—when large excited congregations are present, and all the sermons tend in an opposite direction from that lately preached by Henry Ward Beecher, which is exhorting the faith of the Congregationalists to the utmost. When the ministers give their listeners warnings which have no uncertain sound, but, like those of Eggleston's backwoods preacher, declare that they are "hair hung and breeze shaken, over the bottomless pit." The converts come in by the dozens, and the scores, and the church-books are filled up with long lists of a wonderfully increasing membership. But the weather moderates, and the extra services cease, and the church settles back into its normal condition quite at variance with the doctrine of St. James—"faith without works." The converts fall off, like "pillars," some of them, become a little shaky, and as the year advances with its summer heats, the life of the "religious world" reaches a low ebb. Its pulse is faint and uncertain. A fan and a soft pillow supply the place of the Sabbath morning service, to the average church-member and the clergyman preaches to a wilderness of empty seats.

This is a bad situation for the "religious world" in general, but just at this juncture, when to all human appearance the church, like an "opium-eater," is tranced in sluggish slumber, the camp meeting season arrives, and like the prospective sound of Gabriel's trumpet, which it has been prophesied, will wake the dead, it produces a magical change in the dreary fact condition of all Christians. Mountains are but mole-hills, easily overcome.

Steady-going housekeepers who can never get on their feet, who have their shadow of their vine and fig-tree, can have everything "in the end," to answer this imperative call, to "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Women, who under other circumstances can't sleep out of their own beds, and are finally in the extreme in regard to all the comforts and luxuries of life, leave their homes in the midst of fruit-canning and a thousand and one summer tasks, and go to sleep under the canvas tents or in two roomed cottages, three in a bed and six in the middle. Oh, the frying and steaming and the boiling one set of martyrs must endure, in order that another set may go through with the prescribed routine of morning, noon and evening services, from five in the morning till ten at night, and the ministry be regulated on their favorite dish of yellow-legged chickens. And what a wide field for the young people is furnished by two weeks of camp meeting. The girls can wear all their different suits—change from bangs to bangs, and change from bangs to bangs, and they can make any quantity of fleeting conquests, in their promenades round the square which encloses the speaker's stand, or kneeling demurely at prayer in the great "tabernacle" at "five o'clock in the morning." And the young man who hires "swell" teams to drive out to the forests primeval, where these devotional meetings are in progress, finds the wild weird, exciting, incident to these occasions, delightfully convenient as a cover to the tender boy note he is exchanging with the bewitching stranger who sits at hand. But the camp meeting, likewise, runs its course, "sanctifying" some, "justifying" others, and leaving still others "out of the fold." And, by and by, the "added grace" and "renewed spiritual life" it afforded, is a thing of the past, gone by and forgotten. Nevertheless all things have their mission, and as a place to study human nature and learn much of the idiosyncrasies of people, there is nothing equal to the camp meeting.

HEAR YE!

As I am about to change my residence and close out my business in Eaton, every person indebted, either by book or account, is requested to call immediately and settle up and save costs.

M. STURM.

July 20-23

Mothers Should Remember This.

Dr. Crumpton's Strawberry Balsam is the best fruit medicine ever discovered for promptly checking all running off at the bowels, summer complaints, etc. Intelligent people should insist on their druggist getting this medicine for them and take no other.

For sale by

V. W. LAKE, MICHAEL & SON, J. P. BROOKINS & SON.

July 24-1m

FOR SALE

A lot of Hay Barned Block, at \$4.50 per 1000 at the yard. Apply to or address

M. T. AYERS, or P. F. FILBERT.

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A Timely Warning.

When the mucus membranes and linings of the stomach and bowels are irritated and inflamed by excessive Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Cholera, or other wise, nothing is so soothing and healing as that most meritorious of all fruit preparations, Dr. Crumpton's Strawberry Balsam. It is quick to restore the digestive organs to their normal condition. Where the people have become acquainted with this remedy they cannot be persuaded to use anything else.

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Real Estate Transfers.

The following are the transfers filed for record in the Recorder's office, for the week ending July 24th, 1890:

Sarah M. Gardner and husband to Wm. J. Gardner, 10½ acres in Somers township, \$300.

C. W. Detamore to John M. Davis, Lot 42 in West Alexandria, \$500.

D. C. Stubbs and wife to Solomon Hubbert, 12 acres in Gratiot Tp., \$100.

James Robinson and wife to Martha J. Cox, 80 62.100 square rods in Gratiot township, \$100.

Mary D. Daniel and husband to Martha J. Cox, 22.100 acres in Gratiot township, \$300.

Riley Gifford et al. to Martha J. Cox, 12 acres in Gratiot township, \$100.

Lorenzo Stubbs, Adm'r, to Martha J. Cox, \$4.100 acres in Gratiot Tp., \$300.

Martha J. Cox and husband to James Robinson, 30.100 acres in Gratiot township, \$100.

Wm. W. Dilks to Anna S. Richie, 102 acres in Jefferson township, \$12,000.

Thos. Wall and wife to Perry Wall, 60 acres in Gratiot township, \$100.

E. S. Stoller to J. M. Kinzel and J. S. Wachtel, 50 acres in Twin and Lander townships, \$5,000.

Geo. D. 939 Middle and wife to P. Pence, 66 acres in Monroe Tp., \$2,400.

John P. Windsor and wife to W. B. O'Connor, 3½ acres in Jackson Tp., \$100.

John D. Disher and wife to Benj. Grizz, 1½ acres in Twin township, \$112.75.

For the Democrat.

Fifty Years of Wedded Life.

Occ. Day—One of the most enjoyable occasions of the season, was the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob McKinstry, at their pleasant home near Brimley's Station, this county. As last Thursday morning the half century of wedded life of our venerable friends had been journeying along the matrimonial path of life, their friends and relatives thought that it would be a very appropriate and profitable high regard and esteem they cherished for the aged couple, who had been in their married life for so many years, and had always been very and congenial to a helping hand or utter words of sympathy and encouragement to those who were less fortunate in life. Every thing was arranged for a grand time, and during the forenoon the numerous guests were to be seen coming from every direction with huge baskets well filled for the golden response. It was really gratifying to witness the throngs of old friends and hear them converse upon the various topics of interest, from pioneer life down to the present period of modern civilization, and the many changes in order to accommodate the great number of persons present, an enormous table, eighty feet in length, was erected on a beautiful lawn beneath the shade of old trees, and upon this table were placed several trees, which furnished ample protection from the rays of a noon-day sun, and upon this structure were placed the most delicious refreshments, as they were taken from the almost inexhaustible supply that had been prepared for the feast, making a display of culinary art that is very rarely seen on any occasion.

Dinner was announced, when all was ready, which, of course, caused many happy faces to gather around the temple of the feast, and the guests were very much taken from the almost inexhaustible supply that had been prepared for the feast, making a display of culinary art that is very rarely seen on any occasion.

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